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Discover a Whole New World Through FULBRIGHT OPPORTUNITIES

Background on Fulbright Programs

J. William Fulbright was a prominent and gifted American statesman of the 20th century. His political career of over thirty years in the U.S. Congress was distinguished by his contribution to international affairs and marked by his tenure as the longest serving chairman of the Senate Foreign Relations Committee. He had profound influence on America's foreign policy, and his vision for mutual understanding shaped the extraordinary exchange program bearing his name.

Legislation establishing the Fulbright Program passed the Senate by unanimous consent in 1946 and drew strength from the U.S.'s national commitment to develop post war leadership and engage constructively with the community of nations. The first participants in the Fulbright Program went overseas in 1948, funded by war reparations and foreign loan repayments to the United States. This program has had extraordinary impact around the world. There have been more than 250,000 Fulbright students, scholars and teachers; many of them have made significant contributions within their countries, including the U.S., as well as to the overall goal of advancing mutual understanding.

With the support of the United States government and through binational partnerships with foreign governments, the Fulbright Scholarship Program sponsors U.S. and foreign participants for exchanges in all areas of endeavor, including the sciences, business, academe, public service, government, and the arts and continues to increase mutual understanding between the people of the United States and the people of other countries.

Eligibility Requirements

Elementary through four-year college teachers and school administrators are eligible to apply for positions abroad. However, not all categories of applicants are eligible for all countries. To meet the basic eligibility requirements of the program, an applicant must meet all of the following seven requirements. Failure to meet any one of the requirements makes a candidate ineligible. At the time of application, a candidate must:

- ✓ be a U.S. citizen;
- ✓ hold a valid U.S. passport (or be in the process of obtaining one);
- ✓ be fluent in English;
- ✓ hold at least a Bachelor's degree;
- ✓ have a current full-time teaching or administrative assignment in the U.S. or one of its territories;
- ✓ be in at least the third year of full-time teaching or administration (teachers applying to the seminar only need to be in their second full year); and
- ✓ have not received more than the lifetime limit of two Fulbright grants (Eight weeks or more = 1 grant; Eight weeks or less = 1/2 grant).

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Opportunities

- ❖ <http://www.fulbrightexchanges.org/>

Other Opportunities & Events link

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- ❖ fulbrightteacherexchange.org

Fulbright Classroom Teacher Exchange Program

Provides opportunities for teachers to participate in direct exchanges of positions with colleagues from other countries for a semester or a year. By living and working abroad, exchange teachers gain an understanding and appreciation of different educational systems and cultures, and enrich their schools and communities by providing students with new perspectives about the world in which they live.

Distinguished Fulbright Awards in Teaching Program

Designed to recognize and encourage excellence in teaching in the U.S. and abroad. Twenty-four highly talented U.S. and international teachers are selected to receive a grant to study at a university, conduct research, teach classes and workshops, and develop a project pertaining to their field of educational inquiry during their semester overseas.